

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
JANUARY 3, 2013**

Chairman Cronheim called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and stated that notice of this meeting has been posted in Borough Hall, filed with the Borough Clerk and given to the Echoes-Sentinel, Journal and the Courier-News in conformance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. The salute to the flag followed.

Present on roll call: Fechtner, Hunsinger, Dallas, Brown, Kita, Panzarella, Bell, Clemens and Chairman Cronheim

Absent on roll call:

Also Present: Edward P. Bennett, Jr., Zoning Officer, John P. McDonald, Esq., Attorney, and David A. Stires, PE, PP, Engineer

The Officers were then elected as follows Chairman – Dan Cronheim, Vice-Chairman – DJ Hunsinger, Secretary – Robert Dallas all were unanimously carried.

Mr. John McDonald was re-appointed as Counsel for the Board of Adjustment and unanimously carried.

Catherine Hammel was appointed as Clerk for the Board of Adjustment and unanimously carried.

The Calendar of regular meetings was adopted and was unanimously carried.

The Bylaws were adopted and were unanimously carried.

The Official Newspapers were adopted and were unanimously carried.

Mr. McDonald administered the oath of allegiance to:

Daniel Cronheim- Four-year term ending December 31, 2016

Skip Bell- Two-year term ending December 31, 2014

James Clemens- One-year term ending December 31, 2013

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS:

BA 13-12 Bisignano, 20 Jared Court, Block 6802 Lots 17 &19.01 – Any and all variances needed to erect a non-conforming fence.

Board determined that the applicant would bring in a finial of the fence on February 7th, since it was noted that they were plastic and did not meet the portion of the Ordinance regarding spikes.

BA 11-15 Badin, 65 Glen Eagles Drive, Block 401 Lot 2 – Any and all variances needed to exceed the required impervious surface coverage of 25% to allow 29%.

Mrs. Badin appeared prior to the meeting, her Engineer was unable to attend. Chairman Cronheim informed Mrs. Badin that Mr. Templin needed to give testimony she was not qualified. She is going to see if Mr. Templin is available for the February 7th meeting and attends.

APPLICATIONS:

BA 17-12 Blue Ridge Properties, 708 Somerset Street, Block 4701 Lot 6 - Any and all variances needed to replace an existing sign on a commercial property.

The application was approved it will need Historical Pres. Approval. Although the sign is different than the others that are on site, but for safety concerns it was found to be satisfactory.

APPEAL:

BA 15-12 Edman – Appeal decision regarding 861 Johnston Drive. Mr. Morin appeared for the Edmans and Mr. Murray appeared for the Olechwskis. The Board determined at this time since the parties are in the middle of a court proceeding the Appeal would be carried until the Courts have made a decision on the matter of Title at that time if needed the Board would then hear the matter.

RESOLUTION:

BA 14-12 Tufankian, 925 Valley Road, Block 7302 Lot 21 – Any and all variances needed to erect a portico on a structure with an existing non-conforming front yard set back. Approved

REQUESTS:

Watchung Little League, signage for registration	Approved
Valley Furniture, annual sales	Approved

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned until the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 7 2013 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine M. Hammel
Clerk, Board of Adjustment

